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From: Jay Belanger <jayb@fast.net>
To: A16.A16(KIDSTV)
Date: 11/17/95 9:23am
Subject: Children's TV Regulation

My wife and I support the idea of requiring broadcasters to carry at least 2 hour of truly educational TV per day for children. I believe that the classification of 'educational' should be made by the NEAA or other teacher's organization... not by the broadcasters.

I further believe that these educational hours should be required to be presented on ALL networks at the same time, and at two prime TV viewing times, such as 8AM on the weekends and 3PM on weekdays. It IS ok for the government to preach and push common sense on the populace.

How about some FCC ads similar to those put out by the Seventh-day-adventists.... pushing family values.... doing things with your kids.... avoiding abuse..... setting example..... etc?.

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From: <00jtdutdut@bsuvc.bsu.edu>
To: A16.A16(kidstv),FCCMAIL.SMTP("jneedham@teleplex.bs...
Date: 11/14/95 4:34pm
Subject: Kids TV and the College Generation

Dear Mr. Hundt,

My name is Jackie Dutdut and I am a telecommunications major at Ball State University. I have read the speech you gave concerning the standards of television for children today. I agree that television has a major impact on societal values.

I am 21 years old and I remember the television programming I watched as a kid. Some of my favorites were "Little House on the Prairie," "The Walt Disney Show," and "The Fact of Life." These shows taught right from wrong and the importance of family and love. I see very little of that on TV today. It almost seems that the object of the game is normalizing and desensitizing people to sex, violence, and deviant behavior. People turn to TV for everything, and if you look at society today, you can see who is raising 50% of our children.

As a college student in my senior year, I have no grand answers.

But, I do know that I can go into broadcasting with the commitment to try to bring back high standards in children's programming through my actions and decisions as a media professional. Revising the Children's TV Act and requiring broadcasters to make a commitment to children and community are essential in bringing back quality TV for children. You may also consider my generation...college students pursuing a career in broadcasting. They are the answer to what the next 15 years of broadcasting will look like... high technology and specialization. If they can be informed of the need for quality children's programming and if they can understand the immense influence that television has on everyday life, they can begin to make a commitment to "upgrade" programming. We're eager, we're fresh, and we have a wealth of creative ideas. If we're given the tools to make responsible decisions and social choices, we will be the driving force that will bring back the high standards of television.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the American people and the future of broadcasting. I support your efforts 100%.

Sincerely,
Jackie Dutdut

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January 10, 1996

Andrew Barrett
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Barrett,

Our children are counting on you for with your support educational TV for kids can be a reality. I understand that the FCC has not voted on the proposals set forth in the August '95 meeting. I hope you will vote for what's best for the children and their future.

A real definition of "educational" programming is needed. Also needed is better access to these programs by identifying them as such in the TV guides, and on screen when they are aired. Providing written statements of the educational objectives and the target child audience of the program would help parents and care givers .

I understand that there is a proposal to air "children's programs from 6 a.m. thru 11 p.m. It has been my observation that there would not be many children watching at 6 a.m. and at 11 p.m. and since broadcast time is so expensive I would think the hours should be between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. At the least there should be required 3 hours of quality informational and educational programming during the week during the prime time hours of 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. when families could more often watch the programs together. We need to have programs we can turn to when other stations are airing mindless situation comedies, sexually explicit and/or violent dramas, or programs that promote the degrading or finding fault with our moral values and cater to our baser instincts.

I am a concerned adult and a member of the Hawaii Association for Family and Community Education (FCE). Thank you for serving on this commission and for your attention.

Aloha,

Kay Uno Kaneko
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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W. Room 814
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear _____

As current members of FCE (Family and Community Education) in Snohomish County, Washington, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting a wholesome and educational environment for all our citizens, we are writing you concerning our strong objection to TV programs depicting violence.

To this end, FCE focuses on education for the family, leadership development for the individual, and opportunities for strengthening the community. As a result of this policy in 1991 FCE launched the CHILDREN AND TELEVISION PROJECT, and in 1995 FCE sponsored a major pledge campaign that asked Americans to TUNE out violent TV programs on April 5. This effort to "Tune Out Violence" proved to be very successful. The effects of violence as depicted on TV programs can be directly traced to more violent and aggressive behavior. It has been estimated that during their school age years children will witness up to 87,000 acts of violence on TV. Children and some young adults sometimes have difficulty distinguishing between fantasy and reality. We believe that because so much violence is shown on TV, our society today, as compared to years gone past, in general seems to have become complacent towards violence of any kind.

A good example of promoting a wholesome attitude are the children's programs "Mr. Rogers", and the series "Little House on the Prairie". These programs demonstrate a learning experience, a wise and gentle attitude, and have also been successful because of their longevity.

TV can be used effectively by parents by reading about and choosing suitable programs, establishing guidelines for watching TV, by watching TV with your children and discussing the use of violence as shown. Talking about TV programs and accompanying advertisements can lead to discussion about family values.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the FCC that we sincerely feel, that it should enact legislation to provide guidelines for the television industry, as a whole, to provide many more programs promoting education and wholesome family values. To also limit the number of programs and amount of time allowed for TV programs containing acts of violence.

Sincerely,

Janice Hoberg
Janice Hoberg, Chairman
Snohomish County FCE Campaign
Against Violence in TV programming
Joan Snow, FCE Member

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North Dakota Association for
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January 6, 1996

Federal Communication Commission
Andrew Barrett

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I am writing on behalf of the North Dakota Association for Family and Community Education and as a parent and daycare provider.

We as a state organization have been working for better quality television programming for our families. I am alarmed at what now passes for family television viewing.

I would strongly encourage you to pass at the least a minimum requirement of 3 hours of educational programming per week.

Please strongly define what constitutes educational programs. Some of the shows that stations use for their required programs should not be allowed.

Children's educational programs should be shown in the times when children usually view TV. I would suggest between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Television stations should also identify the programs they are reporting as children's educational programming. Viewers have the right to know this information. It would also be helpful to have this listed in TV guides.

It is time for the FCC to enforce the Children's Television Act. We as a grassroots organization are concerned about the long term effects of television on children and families. We know that what we do today affects tomorrows families.

Please strongly support quality children's television.

Sincerely,

Leigh Gunkel

Leigh Gunkel
NDFCE President
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Hope, North Dakota 58046

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Help the FCC improve television programming for your children.

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I Hate: Shows of violence, sex,
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married - with children

For Better Programs Please: Consider content
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Dear Sirs:

We understand that there are those who have been or will be urging you to insist that children's TV programs such as Sesame Street must include information about homosexuality and related subjects.

My husband and I want to plead with you that you don't let anyone pressure you into requiring the inclusion of any kind of sexual material in the children's programs.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ken + Catherine Fot
1475 Green Acres Rd. #53
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Andrew Barrett
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I am writing to you regarding the Federal Communications Commissions guidelines and regulations on Docket No. 93-48: Children's Television. As a member of the Arizona Association for Family and Community Education (AzFCE) which is also affiliated with the National Association for Family and Community Education (NAFCE), I am really concerned about the quality of programming on television available to our children.

It seems that every year there are less educational and informational programs during the hours that the average child watches television which is between 7 AM and 10 PM. I don't consider some of the programs which the stations identify as informational or educational to be in either category. When you are making your decision on proposals for these programs, please make sure that they are educational and informative for our children. It will make a difference.

Thank you for your concern in this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Marian Hannon
Past President
Arizona Association For Family and Community Education (AzFCE)

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CHAIRMAN : FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Chairman;

I have been working in the television industry for more than 31 years. The social order, in the United States and the world, as portrayed on the television and movie screen has made an evolution which anyone working in these industries for as long as I, could never have imagined. While technology, at its best has created the amazing advances too numerous to elaborate on, at its worst has brought the acts of extreme violence so vivid that the children, adults and seniors seeing them could believe they were the true events. If it were not for the commercials on television, repetitious acts of death and mutilation would be served continuously. A typical example of programming on a Sunday at approx. 4pm on a commercial T.V. station in New York (WWOR), contained such violent scenes as to be nauseating. The very next program was just as disturbing.

If you would just let me expound on what I've found so upsetting: the first program had a kick boxing scenario where a evil master boxer kills one of two brothers, while in a match. The realism of blood and particles of flesh being pounded from the face of the victim was a true testament to technology. When the remaining brother gets to take out his revenge on the evil master, the special effects are unbelievable and extremely horrific. The very next program, something to do with a time traveler, has acts of violence once again as to be nauseating. During one of the battle scenes, an individual's head is severed from his body by a trolley wheel. The view is from above the wheel and the head rolls away having been severed.

This week, while scanning the channels for a brief moment, a scene appeared where a knife was being held to a man's throat. As the knife was drawn across the throat, the flesh and blood appeared so realistic, there was no doubt that it must have really happened. These programs are the alternate to football or cooking shows.

In this world, where we seem to be so concerned when acts of violence occur, we counsel people who have witnessed these acts. In Oklahoma City, when children saw their friends killed, a great point was made of how important counseling would be to these young minds. In the recent past, acts of violence, as the school bus hijacking in Texas, have ended with parents and children going to counsel for God knows how long.

It would seem to me that the producers could tell a story without the viewer having to witness the horrors of Vietnam in the mind of Steven King. The FCC has missed the opportunity to plug the hole in the dike. Cable is rampant with vulgarities and violence. The broadcast channels are so available to anyone with a T.V. that virtually all people see them. I will not bring cable T.V. into my home due to the trash that goes along with it. So that leaves the broadcast channels as the only option.

Perhaps You as the Chairman could make a difference in our world, by not allowing the sick violence to prevail on the air. Please do something for those of us that are not totally numbed to feeling the pain and insanity of the "entertainment" industry.

Sincerely

Gerald Cannizzaro

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Charles J. MacPherson
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December 27, 1995

Ms. Jane R. Christo, General Manager
WBUR Radio
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Boston, MA 02215

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Dear Ms. Christo,

I wanted to write to you to lodge a complaint about the content of your programming on Sunday, December 24, 1995.

I regret that I did not take note of the exact time, but between 2:45 PM and 3:30 PM (my best recollection is right around 3:15 PM), I got in to my car with my two children - ages 8 and 11. Turning on 90.9 FM, I anticipated programming that would be reasonable for listening on our ride.

The subject of the discussion involved a Canadian stand-up comic, and cut away to his act. Almost immediately, I heard him talking about a Canadian garage sale. At this sale, Granny was selling her old false teeth. Harmless enough to this point. He then proceeded to interpret what someone buying them might say. "...JESUS CHRIST these things fit great!"

I was a little surprised at this - and while I was explaining this apparent slip to my children, he then went in to another routine. "Ever go to a McDonalds and accidentally cut in line in front of an American?" ... "Whaddaya think you're doing, ASSHOLE?!"

I turned the radio off as fast as possible, and spent the rest of the ride talking to my kids about why we don't use language like that. They asked me why it was on the radio. I didn't have a satisfactory answer. Do you?

I'm sure you would never even consider broadcasting Jewish / Muslim / black / Spanish / Italian / Chinese / Indian jokes, since they would be truly offensive to a great many people. It would be completely irresponsible as well as reprehensible. Now, stop to consider for a moment that there are also a great many Christians in your audience. I, for one, find the taking of the Lord's name in vain to be equally offensive. Is there any reason that the sensibilities of Christians deserve less consideration than other religious, racial or ethnic groups? I also find the use of curse words to be offensive, and certainly below the level of

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programming I expect from your station. It is especially offensive on a Sunday, and even worse on Christmas Eve.

While you may have the 1st amendment right to use both of these terms, I believe that you also have an obligation to maintain community standards - not to contribute to their degradation. In fact, the FCC states that while indecent programming may be broadcast, it may be broadcast only when there is a strong probability that there are no children in the audience. I can find no possible way for a Christmas Eve or a Sunday afternoon to meet this test.

I hope that you examine this issue closely. If you care to offer a reply, I will share it with my children. As I explained to them last Sunday, we all make mistakes. The important thing is to learn from them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. MacPherson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" and last name "MacPherson" clearly legible.

Charles J. MacPherson

cc:

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